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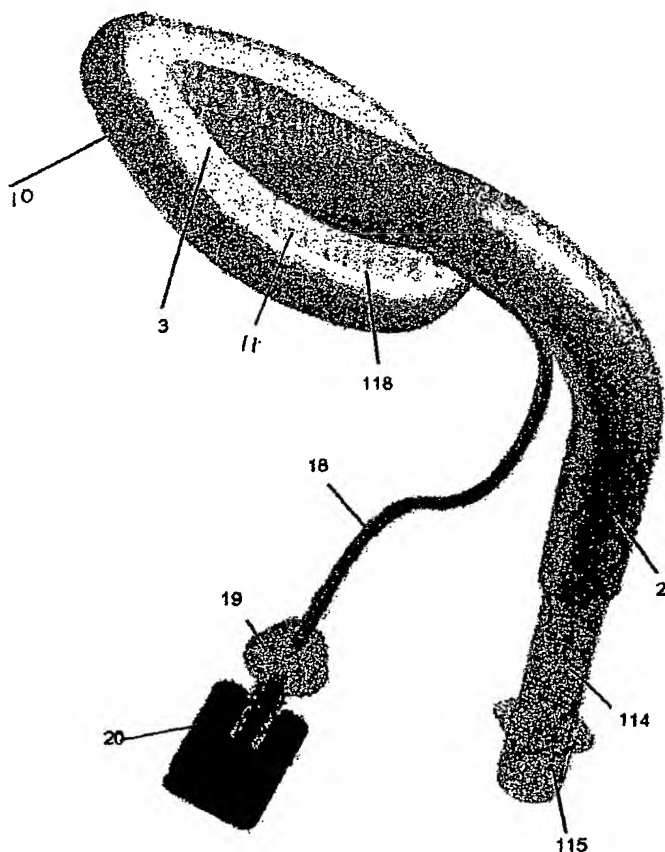
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(54) Title: A LARYNGEAL MASK AND A METHOD MANUFACTURING SAME



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a laryngeal mask (1) comprising at least one airway tube (2) and a mask portion (3), which mask portion (3) comprises a top face (4) and a bottom face (5), said bottom face (5) comprising a lumen (6) that communicates with the tube (2) interior (7), and said top face (4) comprising a closed transition face (8), and said mask portion (3) being at least on the bottom face in the periphery delimited by an inflatable cuff (9), and said mask portion (3) comprising a joint throughout the entire internal circumference of the cuff (9), facing towards the lumen (6) and for providing a closed cuff. Hereby a product is provided which is formed integrally with regard to mask portion and airway tube portion thereby eliminating the risk that the two parts are separated in use.



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Claims Nos.: 3, 6, 8

In dependent claims 2 and 3, the text "the inflatable part of the wall thickness of the cuff" has been interpreted as "the wallthickness of the inflatable part of the cuff".

Dependent claim 8 is formulated as being dependent from itself. Based on the features of the claim, it has been interpreted as though it was dependent from claim 3 (first occurrence of interval 111).

Dependent claims 3, 6 and 8 disclose ranges without specifying physical limits of those ranges. Without a limit to the claimed ranges, it is not possible to determine the extend of the claimed subject-matter or its support in the description.

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1. claims: 1-27, 30

a laryngeal mask, comprising:

- A) at least one airway tube
- B) a mask portion, delimited by
- C) a cuff, specified by:
 - C1) a circumferential closing joint
- D) parts A) and B) formed integrally

2. claims: 28, 29

A laryngeal mask, comprising:

- A) at least one airway tube
- B) a mask portion, delimited by
- C) a cuff, specified by:
 - C2) specific sealing properties of the cuff

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